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NEWSLETTER

1. IN ANTICIPATION OF FORTHCOMING NIGERIAN-AMERICAN (NA-A) TRADE
MISSION TO U.S., THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAGOS NIGERIAN-
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MET ON FEBRUARY 1 TO ELECT NEW
BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MEMBERSHIP IS AS FOLLOWS:

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HON. GENERAL SEC : MR. EMMANUEL OMATSOLA, GULF OIL

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MEMBERS: 1. MR. J.O. SHELDON, TEXACO

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2. MR. R.J. DRON, PFIZER NIG. LTD.
3. DR. F.C. OKOYE, F.C. OKOYE & CO.
4. MR. P. BALAOGUN, PHILIPS PETROLEUM CO.
5. GLORIA B. HERNDON, AMERICAN EMBASSY

2. BOARD MET AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 22 TO IRON OUT FINE POINTS
ON N-A CHAMBER TRADE MISSION TO U.S. PRELIMINARY ITINERARY OF

THE TRADE MISSION IS AS FOLLOWS: TRADE MISSION COMMENCES JUNE 9 AND LAST 14 DAYS WITH STOPS IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, LOS ANGELES, HOUSTON, ATLANTA AND WASHINGTON. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN EACH CITY. HOWEVER, ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT, USDOC AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN EACH CITY WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. FOR THIS REASON IT WOULD PROBABLY BE WISE FOR THE AMA SEMINAR TO BE HELD EITHER JUNE 12 OR 13. JUNE 13 OR 14 SHOULD BE SPENT IN CHICAGO: JUNE 15 IN ST. LOUIS: JUNE 16, 17 AND 18 IN LOS ANGELES: JUNE 20 IN HOUSTON: JUNE 21. IN ATLANTA: JUNE 23 IN WASHINGTON: AND RETURN TO LAGOS ON JUNE 24.

3. JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH STOP IS AS FOLLOWS: IN NEW YORK OUR SISTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD LIKE TO HOST THE N-A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF U.S. COMPANIES WHICH HAVE REQUESTED MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. AMONG THEM ARE DANIEL & BELL CO., WALLACE AND WALLACE, MERRILL LYNCH, BLOUNT BROS., AND A HOST OF OTHERS. IN CHICAGO, THERE ARE NUMEROUS FIRMS THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH THE CHAMBERS, INCLUDING CHICAGO BRIDGE AND IRON, JOHNSON PRODUCTS AND BALL CORPORATION. IN LOS ANGELES, MAYOR THOMAS BRADLEY IS OFFICIALLY RECEIVING THE MISSION. IN HOUSTON, A NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS INCORPORATED ON JANUARY 26 AND THIS CHAMBER WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE LAGOS KHA.²³⁴. IN ATLANTA, AMONG THE MANY COMPANIES INTERESTED IN SEEING THE TRADE MISSION IS CLARENCE R. JONES. IN WASHINGTON, THE

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TRADE MISSION COULD MEET WITH DEPTS. OF STATE AND COMMERCE PERSONNEL AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK MANUFACTURERS. ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE WOULD BE WELCOME.

4. PLEASE PASS INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY THE INCORPORATION OF THE HOUSTON NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MR. G.M. GARBARINO, WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION, 200 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017, TELEPHONE (212) 692-3202.

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